

### Open Shop Issue Raised in Writ Against Union

### Court Will Hear Leather Company's Plea to Have Injunction Against Picketing Made Permanent

### Organization Forbidden

A case of unusual interest to employers and union labor will come up tomorrow before Justice Callaghan in the Supreme Court, Long Island City.

The A. L. Reed Company, leather manufacturers in Richmond Hill, Queens, who seek to have an injunction which Justice Strong granted last September made permanent, assert that the question of the open shop is at stake.

The Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union, which, with Abe Whittman, its treasurer, and forty-eight other members, is defendant in the action, holds that a decision making the injunction permanent would mean that membership in a union constituted conspiracy.

Goldstein & Goldstein, counsel for the union, have been in consultation with national labor leaders concerning the case.

An agreement has been reached by both sides as to the facts, and both sides have agreed to dispense with a jury, leaving Justice Callaghan to decide the question.

The A. L. Reed Company formerly was a member of the Association of Leather Goods Manufacturers of the United States of America, Inc. The latter body had an agreement with the Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union as to wages and conditions of employment. The agreement expired August 1, 1921.

Workers Barred From Union

In the two weeks preceding that date the A. L. Reed Company had laid off its employees for lack of work and had been negotiating independently of the Manufacturers' Association with individual workers in its employ as to the terms on which they might return. The company stipulated that the workman must not become a member of a union if he returned.

The agreement between the union and the Manufacturers' Association was renewed August 20, subject to formal approval by the two bodies, and with the provision that the question of a reduction of wages from the wartime standard was to be arbitrated. Both organizations approved of the agreement, including a 15 per cent wage reduction fixed by the arbiters August 26.

On that day the A. L. Reed Company in its resignation to the Manufacturers' Association, which accepted it August 21. The company had resumed work on the basis of the agreement made individually with its employees, and the union declared a strike early in September and picketed the factory.

Freedom of Employment Decreed

September 6 the company applied for an injunction restraining the union from interfering with its business as an employer, and Justice Strong granted the temporary injunction September 21, accompanying his decision with a memorandum which was most cautious to organized labor. In it he said:

"The employer has the constitutional right to select his employees without consulting any labor union and to discharge them without consulting any third party or labor union whenever he so desires, provided always that he is not infringing any right or contract of an individual employee. The employee has the same right to select his employer without any regard to what any third party or labor union may say, and he may quit his employer at any time he desires, provided that he in turn does not interfere with the obligations of his individual contract with the employer."

Coal Operators Warn Industry To Stock Up Before April 1

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Heads of big industries were warned today by coal operators and dealers to stock up as heavily as possible in preparation for the coal strike, which now seems inevitable or April 1, when present contracts with the unions expire.

Utility corporations throughout the state have been urged by the Illinois Commerce Commission to do all in their power to procure the largest possible supplies of coal before the date set for the strike, so that gas making, electric lighting, interurban car service and power and other public utility services may not be hampered.

### Jury in Morse Inquiry Will Report This Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The grand jury inquiry into the war-time transactions with the Shipping Board of Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, and some of his associates was understood today to have been concluded. The report of the grand jury, it also was understood, will be submitted to the District of Columbia Supreme Court early next week.

The inquiry into the transactions began January 23, several weeks after Mr. Morse had been returned from Europe at the direction of Attorney General Daugherty, and had been placed under arrest here and released on \$50,000 bond to answer any action that might be returned by the grand jury. The warrant on which Mr. Morse gave bail charged conspiracy and embezzlement.

In the course of the grand jury's work it was understood that the names of several of Mr. Morse's associates, including that of Colin H. Livingston, president of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, were brought into the inquiry. The names of several members of the Wilson Administration also were understood to have been involved.

### Handful of Jobless Compose 'Gigantic' Street Gathering

### Stepladder Orators Tell of Solving Unemployment Problem by Resuming Trade With Soviet Russia

Speakers who addressed a street meeting at West and Barclay streets yesterday afternoon declared that the opening of trade relations with Soviet Russia would solve the unemployment problem in the United States. The gathering had been advertised as a "gigantic demonstration of the unemployed."

About 250 men listened to the three speakers who delivered their orations from a stepladder to which they had tied a small American flag. About one-third of the audience were detectives, Department of Justice agents, waterfront watchmen and truckmen, newspaper reporters and camera men. The rest appeared to be definitely out of work.

The organizers of the meeting had planned to hold their rally at the statue of Benjamin Franklin in Park Row, across from City Hall, but the police vetoed this arrangement on the ground that it would interfere with traffic.

Israel Anter was the chairman and principal speaker. He described himself as the secretary of the Unemployment Council of New York, which has its headquarters in 211 West End Avenue, New York City. He also is the headmaster of the Friends of Soviet Russia. Anter was arrested last April on the charge of criminal anarchy. Recently the charge was dismissed by Justice Taft. The other speakers were P. J. McCarthy, Edgar Owen and A. Goldman.

Goldman was introduced by Anter as "an ex-service man" one of those drafted by the bosses to do their fighting.

Goldman himself qualified this. He said: "I was fortunate enough to get my thirty bucks and beans on this side."

Among those present were Captain James Sheehan, of the Beach Street station, and escort of plainclothes men; Agent Scully, of the Department of Justice; and half a dozen anti-Communist Sergeants James J. Gegan and the bomb squad. In the neighborhood, but not visible, was a platoon of mounted police.

### Engineers' Chief Urges Aid For West Virginia Miners

CLEVELAND, Feb. 25.—In response to a personal appeal by a committee of West Virginia miners, to chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods here last week, Warren S. Storer, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has sent a circular to all local divisions of the organization asking individual contributions from the engineers to aid the miners' relief committee that is endeavoring to relieve the condition of the 18,000 destitute miners' families in West Virginia.

### Malone Gets Army Promotion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Colonel Paul B. Malone, of New York City, was today recommended by the War Department for promotion to the rank of brigadier general to fill the vacancy to be made by the retirement of General Treat on April 28. Colonel Malone is assistant commander of the infantry school at Camp Benning, Georgia. He served as brigadier general in the World War and was recommended for major general.

### Clews to \$60,000,000 Buried On Island Offered Professor

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Feb. 25.—Since it was announced a short time ago that Professor Homer R. Dill, of the University of Iowa, is to cruise the South Seas next year in search of museum material, he has received a letter from Frederick Mason, of Maine, offering to obtain for him the maps and charts of a certain island where treasure worth \$60,000,000 is buried.

The treasure, according to Professor Dill's acquaintance, Mr. Mason, is in part of the plunder from the insurrection in Peru in the early part of the eighteenth century.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 25.—Maps and charts of an isolated island in the South Seas, on which treasure worth \$60,000,000 is said to have been buried in 1850 after having been removed from Cocos Island, where it was first hidden in 1820, are in the possession of Mrs. James Brown, widow of an aged and red sea captain, who died here three years ago. These are the papers which Frederick Mason, a newspaper correspondent of this city, has offered to obtain for Professor Homer R. Dill, of the University of Iowa, who is to cruise the South Seas next year in search of museum material.

Captain Brown claimed to be the only man in the world who held the key to the location of the treasure. He said he helped transfer it in 1850 from the island on which it originally was hidden to another island, where it was again buried. Cocos Island, about 550 miles southwest of Panama, is said to have been the original location of the hoard.

Several companies have been formed in the last five years in different parts of the world to recover the gold, silver, jewels, diamonds and other precious stones. One or two expeditions are said to have found the island, but to have had no success in the search for the treasure.

shows that in that year Russia placed 1230 and 18 in different parts of the goods with 534,868,000 marks, 21,077,507 Czechoslovak crowns, 13,750,000 Austrian crowns, 231,098 Swedish crowns, 170,372 Swiss francs, 19,821 French francs and 1,818 American dollars. In the same year Russia sold to Germany goods valued at \$7,874,294 marks and \$3,357 English pounds. The Russian exports were chiefly furs, lumber, asbestos and hemp.

### Reds Use All Kinds Money

### Pay With U. S., French, Swiss, German, Austrian Currency

By Wireless to The Tribune

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